

facility in the United States, its territories, or possessions to house any individual detained at Guantanamo for the purposes of detention or imprisonment in the custody or under the control of the Department of Defense unless authorized by Congress.

(b) **EXCEPTION.**—The prohibition in subsection (a) shall not apply to any modification of facilities at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

(c) **INDIVIDUAL DETAINED AT GUANTANAMO DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “individual detained at Guantanamo” means any individual located at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, as of October 1, 2009, who—

(1) is not a citizen of the United States or a member of the Armed Forces of the United States; and

(2) is—

(A) the custody or under the control of the Department of Defense; or

(B) otherwise under detention at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

SA 2031. Mr. INHOFE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1197, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle D of title VI, add the following:

SEC. 646. SPECIAL ASSISTANCE FOR GOLD STAR SPOUSES AND DEPENDENTS.

(a) **GOLD STAR FAMILY ADVOCATES.**—

(1) **ADVOCATES REQUIRED.**—Each Secretary of a military department shall designate for each Armed Force under the jurisdiction of such Secretary a member of such Armed Force or civilian employee of such military department to act as an advocate for spouses and dependents of members of such Armed Force (including members of the National Guard or Reserve of such Armed Force, as applicable) who die on active duty in the Armed Forces. The individual so designated shall be known as the “Gold Star Advocate” for the Armed Force concerned.

(2) **DUTY AS OMBUDSMAN.**—An individual designated as a Gold Star Advocate for an Armed Force pursuant to paragraph (1) shall serve as the ombudsman for spouses and dependents of members of such Armed Force who die on active duty in the Armed Forces with respect to complaints regarding casualty assistance or receipt of benefits authorized by law for spouses and dependents of members of the Armed Forces who die on active duty in the Armed Forces. In performing such duty, an individual may do the following:

(A) Address complaints by spouses and dependents, and provide support, regarding such casualty assistance or receipt of such benefits.

(B) Make reports to appropriate officers or officials in the Department of Defense or the military department concerned regarding resolution of such complaints, including recommendations regarding the settlement of claims with respect to such benefits, as appropriate.

(C) Perform such other actions as the Secretary of the military department concerned considers appropriate.

(b) **TRAINING FOR CASUALTY ASSISTANCE PERSONNEL.**—

(1) **TRAINING PROGRAM REQUIRED.**—The Secretary of Defense shall implement a stand-

ardized comprehensive training program on casualty assistance for the following personnel of the Department of Defense:

(A) Casualty assistance officers.

(B) Casualty assistance calls officers.

(C) Casualty assistance representatives.

(2) **GENERAL ELEMENTS.**—The training program required by paragraph (1) shall include training designed to ensure that the personnel specified in that paragraph provide spouses of members of the Armed Forces who die on active duty in the Armed Forces with accurate information on the benefits to which they are entitled and other appropriate casualty assistance following the death of such members on active duty.

(3) **SERVICE-SPECIFIC ELEMENTS.**—The Secretary of the military department concerned may, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense, provide for the inclusion in the training program required by paragraph (1) that is provided to casualty assistance personnel of such military department such elements of training that are specific or unique to the requirements or particulars of the Armed Forces under the jurisdiction of such military department as the Secretary of the military department concerned considers appropriate.

(4) **FREQUENCY OF TRAINING.**—Training shall be provided under the program required by paragraph (1) not less often than annually.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Ms. WARREN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 13, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The Committee will hold a hearing entitled, “The Role of Manufacturing Hubs in a 21st Century Innovation Economy.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Ms. WARREN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 13, 2013, at 10 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Ms. WARREN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 13, 2013, at 2 p.m. in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “Judicial Nominations.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Ms. WARREN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 13, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office build-

ing to conduct a roundtable entitled “Serving Our Service Members: A Review of Programs for Veteran Entrepreneurs.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PRIVACY, TECHNOLOGY AND THE LAW

Ms. WARREN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology and the Law, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 13, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “The Surveillance Transparency Act of 2013.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Teresa Danso-Danquah, Emily Flores, and Charles Hayes of my staff be granted floor privileges for the duration of today’s session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent for my intern, Bruce Lehman, to have the privileges of the floor for the balance of the day.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. SCHATZ. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to offer floor privileges to my staffer, Michael Inacay, for the remainder of the evening.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

NATIONAL TRIBAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WEEK

Mr. BEGICH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 293, which was submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 293) designating the week beginning November 18, 2013 as “National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week.”

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. BEGICH. I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 293) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today’s RECORD under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY AND NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH

Mr. BEGICH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed